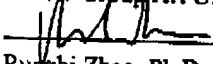


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir/Madam:

This is a response to an Official Action dated April 15, 2003. Since a response was due on July 15, 2003, a three-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from July 15, 2003 to October 15, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time and authorization to charge the appropriate fee are enclosed. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.